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James R. Snyder is Counsel in the Environmental practice group, focusing primarily on litigation. He practices out of the Firm's office in Charleston, West Virginia.

James now serves the Firm on an of counsel basis. Over the years, his practice focused on environmental law where he consulted coal companies, solid waste companies, petroleum retailers, and others in connection with common law and regulatory issues. He also represented these clients in administrative and court proceedings. Additionally, he previously maintained a practice in construction law and contracts and has substantial experience with West Virginia's anti-trust and fair pricing laws.

James has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 1995. He has authored numerous articles on environmental and construction law, including the "West Virginia" chapter for the *50-State Public Construction Contract*, John Wiley & Sons, 1996; *Fifty State Construction Lien and Bond Law, State-by-State Guide to Architect, Engineer, and Contractor Licensing*; and the West Virginia Chapter ABA, *State-by-State Guide to Construction and Design Law*, Section of Real Property Probate and Trust Law, 2009.

Awards

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental and Mining Law, 1995-2023
- Named in the 2011 edition of West Virginia *Super Lawyers*®
- Order of Coif, 1977

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1979-Present)
- The Honorable Ralph M. Friedman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Law Clerk (1977-1979)

Practices

- Environmental

Education

- West Virginia University College of Law (J.D., 1977)
- Brown University (1974)
- University of Notre Dame (B.A. in Economics, 1973)

Admissions

- West Virginia (1977)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (1981)
- United States Tax Court (1981)
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1979)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (1979)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (1977)
- All West Virginia Circuit and Magistrate Courts (1977)

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan (inactive)
- Kanawha County Bar Association
- West Virginia Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Speaking Engagements

- 29th Annual Symposium, Lecture (1997)
- WV CLE Construction Law - Contract Provisions (1992)
- National Business Institute West Virginia Construction Law (1991)
- National Business Institute Environmental (Solid Waste) (1990)
- WV CLE Environmental (Surface Mining) (1990)
- Several speeches and publications to West Virginia Institute of Architects
- Several speeches to West Virginia Mining & Reclamation Assoc. and West Virginia Coal Assoc.
- American Mining Congress, Mining Convention - Pollution Issues (1988)

Writings and Publications

- Several WV CLE course manuals on Environmental and Construction Law
- Several publications in the West Virginia Architect
- West Virginia Chapter - A State-By-State Guide to Construction & Design Law, American Bar Association, 2009
- West Virginia Chapter - State-By-State Guide to Architect, Engineer and Contractor Licensing, Aspen Law & Business, 1998
- West Virginia Chapter - Fifty State Public Construction Contract, Wiley Law Publication, 1996
- National Business Institute (co-author) West Virginia Construction Law, 1992
- NBI Solid Waste (Environmental), 1990
- Percentage Depletion Review and Update (co-author) Eastern Mineral Law Foundation Second Annual Institute, 1981
- "Products Liability - Assumption of Liability in the Sale of Assets," 79 W. Va. L. Rev. 136, 1976

Community

- Berry Hills Country Club
- Chamber of Commerce